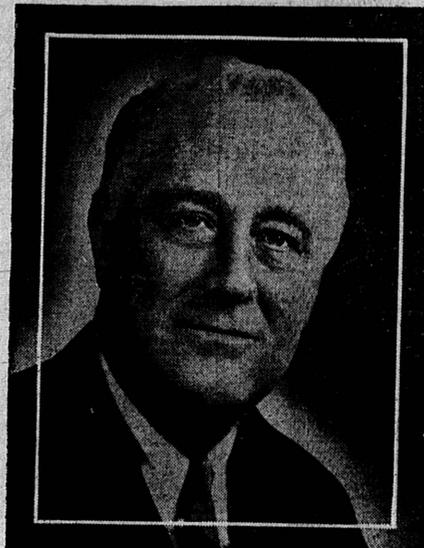


F. D. R. Says Free Press Must Be Maintained Against All Assaults

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No other man in the world had had greater contact with the press than President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The following letter from the President to William N. Hardy, of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers' Association, expresses his opinion of American newspapers.

"The maintenance of an unfettered press, informed by truth and guided by courage and conscience and wholehearted devotion to the public welfare, is a fundamental obligation of patriotism. I trust as a result of the foregoing observation that Americans everywhere will have a renewed sense of the incalculable blessing which a free press confers. It must be maintained against all assaults."

Evening School Offers Many Useful Classes

"Since the opening of the Torrance Evening High school for adults the enrollment has steadily increased," Principal Marlowe Martin announced yesterday. He expressed pleasure at the response to the opportunity offered adults of this community at school.

"It shows," he said, "that the people appreciate the practical and cultural values of an evening school to the welfare of the community. Millions of Americans are asking themselves 'After the war emergency what conditions will we face? Will my present job be here or will I have to move? Will I be able to meet the competition of new and younger or other workers? What can I do now to prepare for such an emergency? Shall I begin further training in my present line, or shall I broaden out and learn other things so that I may have a chance in several lines?'"

Now's Time To Clean Up, Prevent Fire

Next week will be a good time to clear away for winter and, at the same time, observe National Fire Prevention week, Fire Chief McMaster pointed out today. "It would be a good idea to clean up and remove all material which might lead to fires," the chief said. "The fire department is not planning any special drive to call attention to National Fire Prevention Week but we urge every resident to observe it for his own good."

Next Selectee Group of 29 to Get Vet Honors

Because the next contingent of selectees to leave this district for Army training will be the second largest—29 men—since the Selective Service Act became effective a year ago, veterans' organizations are planning special affairs for the group. The 17th contingent will leave from Gardena on the morning of Oct. 15 following a breakfast in their honor at the American Legion clubhouse. It is reported that the Torrance American Legion Post and the Lomita Veterans of Foreign Wars Post are also planning some special tribute to the selectees.

Maberly Able to Leave Bed After Injury

Struck on the right elbow by a car as he was crossing at Ninth and Broadway in Los Angeles, Sept. 15, Alfred Maberly, 84-year-old resident at 1716 Martins ave., was able to leave his bed Monday. The aged man's lower arm is still swollen and causes him considerable pain.

New Directory Out Monday; Free to Listings

The 1941-42 edition of the Torrance City and Phone Directory will be ready for distribution Monday, Oct. 6, Grover Inskeep, president of the Western Directory Co., announced today. This informative booklet has been enlarged to the size of the present telephone directories. In addition to containing the names of all Torrance residents, their occupation, home addresses and phone numbers, the 1941-42 directory contains much information pertaining to public services, local organizations, city data and a Buyer's Guide of classified business firms.

All residents listed in the directory will receive copies free of charge. Additional copies will be available at the Chamber of Commerce for distribution to new residents. Adjoining Areas Included Nearly three months have been spent in compilation of the book and Inskeep declares it is the most complete of any recently undertaken by his firm. The directory also includes a valuable street guide and has the names of persons residing in East Torrance or all of the territory adjoining the city between Western and Vermont aves.

The Los Angeles Shoestring strip as well as the adjoining incorporated county territory between Normandie and Vermont aves. were covered by the directory firm's canvassers for the Torrance book. A study of the book will reveal that residents in this area—and within the city limits—are served by five different postoffices: Torrance, Lomita, Waverly, Redondo Beach and Gardena; and by four telephone exchanges—Torrance, Lomita, Redondo Beach and Gardena. One edition of the directories will go to advertisers and those who have reserved such special copies. This will include a street address directory showing all home owners.

Torrance Hobby Show Attracts 5,000 Visitors

More than 5,000 persons visited the Torrance Flower, Art and Hobby Show in the Civic Auditorium last weekend where approximately 500 exhibits were on view. Sponsored by the Community Service committee of the Torrance Rotary club, the show was a success from every viewpoint—attendance, excellence and variety of exhibits and presentation.

It was a display of exceptional interest. In addition to the static exhibits, a score or more of local residents participated in the "Hobbies-in-Action" feature which undoubtedly inspired many to "try their hand" at various handicrafts. Fay Parks was general chairman of the show and he had some splendid assistance from the Torrance City Recreation department and Miss Ada M. Chase, high school art director. Dale Riley, Mrs. Cora Bohrer and their recreation aides contributed much toward the success of the community event. The displays themselves, attractively arranged on long tables and in showcases, won much praise from the spectators who thronged the Auditorium every afternoon and evening.

The grand sweepstakes award for adults was captured by Charles Foster who displayed his fretsaw work. The juvenile grand sweepstakes was won by little Anna Marie James of Moneta for her fine collection of dolls. Other award winners were: PHOTOGRAPHY: E. K. Falk, special award, "Eucalyptus Trees"; William-Husbands, first, "S. F. Oakland Bay Bridge"; Alex Sloggett, second, "Old Man as Character Study"; Robert B. Roberts, third, "Church of the Nativity" by infra-red photo; Harold Holmes, honorable mention, "Airplane in Flight"; E. K. Falk, honorable mention, "Marine Scene." PAINTINGS—Oils: Nora Deininger, special award, "Eucalyptus"

Mrs. Evans Learns Details Of Military Rites for Son "Somewhere in Scotland"

Copies of two Ayrshire, Scotland newspapers, letters from fellow-officers and several photographs were received by Mrs. Martha W. Evans of the Torrance Gift Shop late last week. They told the story in print and picture of the funeral August 20 of her son, Flying Officer Earl Wellington Watson, and his 21 fellow-members of the Atlantic Ferry Service who perished in a plane crash near London August 14.

The newspaper reports detailed the touching scenes at the side of a common grave "in a cemetery of a town in the neighborhood of the disaster." Not once in the press stories or personal letters was the exact location of the cemetery revealed, obviously according to a ruling of the British Ministry of Defense.

Mrs. Evans also learned from the Ayrshire papers that her son was thrown clear of the wreckage of the plane and he was dragged from the blazing debris by the heroism of Private George Callander, 46. Officer Watson died shortly afterward in a hospital.

Pipes Play Lament Coffins of polished oak contained the bodies of the men who were killed as they were about to leave England for a return flight to Canada. Those of Americans in the Ferry Service were covered with the Stars and Stripes, those of Britons being draped with the Union Jack. A detachment of R. A. F. men slow marched to the cemetery with arms reversed, preceding the lorries containing the caskets.

A Scottish pipe band played a lament in slow march time and the blinds of all "business premises and private houses en route were drawn out of respect," the news accounts state. On arriving at the unnamed cemetery, each coffin was carried to the graveside on the shoulders of airmen. Three clergymen "representing three great churches" conducted the funeral service. "They are," said one "in the band of Eternal Youth, a great fellowship of them."

Blaze of Color Three volleys were fired over the long open grave, "the interval between each volley being filled by the mournful dirge of the pipers playing a lament." A bugle call sounded and then "a

Hobby Show Provides Welcome Relaxation

What it takes to make a community of comfortable homes, inhabited by people with a desire for the better things of life and relaxation, was graphically exhibited at the Torrance Flower, Art and Hobby show in the Civic Auditorium last weekend. If any proof was needed that Torrance is generously endowed with artists of unusual skill in wood, leather, metal, cloth and paints, that exhibition stands as evidence.

But the Hobby Show did more than that. It provided a welcome opportunity for relief from months of war and defense activity. It provided an oasis in the desert of high taxes, feverish political maneuvering, propaganda and war communiques of doubtful fact. For three afternoons and evenings, we were permitted to wander around among the displays and see what our neighbor was doing with his spare time; to get ideas ourselves about what we could do to forget our daily cares while we made things with our hands; to learn how we could turn our leisure time into something of more value than merely turning on the radio.

SUGGESTION FOR '42 SHOW Fay-Parks and his community Service committee of the Torrance Rotary club, sponsor of the show, deserve the plaudits of all who visited the Auditorium. Parks, himself, practically forgot his business for a full week in getting the exhibition ready—but that was nothing new to this veteran civic worker who has given much of his time during his quarter-century in Torrance to adding community accomplishments. In addition to his Rotary committee and fellow-members, Parks had the good fortune to have such workers as Dale Riley, city recreation director; Mrs. Cora Bohrer, another recreation department aide; Miss Ada M. Chase, high school art director; William Wyman and W. E. Bowen, in charge of the shrubbery exhibits, assisting in the planning and presentation of the show. There were others, too, who gave much time and attention to the display which reflected credit on all of them.

One suggestion for the 1942 show: The sponsor should announce it at least six months in advance—say next April—in order to give potential exhibitors an opportunity to prepare their handiwork with the Show in mind. This would undoubtedly produce many new displays and enlist many who did not participate in the 1941 Show.

Ex-L. A. Cop Nabbed Twice Here for Drunk

An insistent affinity for alcohol lost Henry Meadows, 40, of Los Angeles, his job as a Los Angeles police officer several months ago. His appetite for strong drink led him into the arms of Torrance officers twice last weekend.

Meadows was first arrested at 10:55 p.m. last Thursday for being drunk in an auto on Hawthorne blvd., near Pacific Coast (101) highway. Friday morning he was fined \$15 by Judge John Shidler and was released on his own recognizance to get the money. But he didn't return. That night local officers arrested him again at almost the same spot where he was first picked up and re-charged him with being drunk in an auto. Saturday morning Meadows was arraigned before Judge Shidler, pleaded not guilty and demanded a jury trial.

This was set for Oct. 13 and he was returned to jail in lieu of \$100 to await trial. Meadows was suspended for six months from the Los Angeles police department when he was arrested for driving while intoxicated in Orange county and recently he was discharged from the force.

Forgery Suspect Gets Hearing Here Tomorrow

Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock Walter Henry Schwobe, 35, Palms, will be brought before Judge John Shidler for preliminary hearing on four counts of forgery. He is also facing two other forgery counts and a theft charge in Los Angeles. The alleged check forgeries are said to have netted him approximately \$200.

Police assert he passed two of his bogus checks on T. S. Lovelady of the Torrance Feed and Fuel Co., one on the J. C. Penney store and the fourth on William Martin, who operates a cafe on Redondo-Wilmington blvd. The four checks, according to officers here, had been stolen out of a checkbook in the office of a Culver City auto agency.

Schwobe, it is alleged, took the blank checks there when he was left alone in the office. He had purchased a second hand car at the agency. Information given police here states that Schwobe passed two other forged checks on Culver City food markets. The theft charge placed against him in Los Angeles was for the asserted theft of a trailer from the home of Amos Watson, 20627 North Lawrence st., adjoining Torrance.

He was tried on the Los Angeles theft charges Tuesday morning in the Gardena justice court and sentenced to 60 days in the county jail.

Bandit Robs Liquor Store

Carrying a nickel-plated small bore revolver, a man said to have been about 25 years old, held up and robbed Bill Stegelmeier, clerk at Ralph's Liquor store at the corner of Cabrillo and Gramercy aves., of \$27 from the cash drawer late last Sunday night. He apparently had a car parked nearby as Stegelmeier heard a machine leaving the vicinity immediately after the bandit departed.

The man was described by his young victim as about 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 160 pounds, fair complexioned, wearing a small mustache, brown cord jacket and dark trousers. He came in the store and asked Stegelmeier to change a \$1 bill. After purchasing a soft drink, the bandit waited about five minutes before announcing he wanted all the money in the cash drawer and exhibited his revolver.

UP, UP, UP, UP, AND UP Secretary of Commerce, Jesse Jones sees the national debt reaching \$90,000,000,000. That's quite an eyeful, all right.

Last Day of Cook School Is Friday

Tomorrow—Friday—promptly at 1:30 o'clock the final session of the much heralded Cooking School at the Torrance Civic Auditorium will be held and a capacity crowd is anticipated. Doors will open at 1 p. m.

Judging from the enthusiastic response and careful attention that the women in the Wednesday and Thursday audiences gave to Miss Kay Gilbert, home economist, it is quite evident that this Happy Kitchen Cooking School rates among the best that have been held in this community.

Merchants are again giving hearty co-operation by donating many valuable door prizes, which are given away each day in addition to the big bags of food-stuffs. As usual, the major prize awards will be made at the final session, Friday.

In response to many requests, The Torrance Herald and Lomita News, sponsors of the Cooking School, are using all gas equipment. Two attractive gas ranges and a Servel Electric gas refrigerator have been installed on the stage for the use of Miss Gilbert, and local retailers are also exhibiting their late models in gas ranges and washing machines at the auditorium. Invite your friends and make up a "Cooking School party" Friday afternoon. You'll all enjoy it and there is no charge or admission of any kind. Miss Kay Gilbert, who was here a year ago, was acclaimed by many women who attended the school last Fall as the most instructive and entertaining economist that has ever visited this community. Her ready wit and charming personality commands the close attention of her audience.

If you did not attend the Wednesday and Thursday sessions, don't miss this final program Friday. If you have been attending, we know you wouldn't think of missing it. Miss Gilbert has an unusually interesting program of cookery to tell you about, and then, too, there are those big major prizes to give away.

San Pedran Facing Three Charges Demands Trial by Jury Here

Described by arresting officers as "inclined to be tough and looking for trouble," Walter William Russell, 38, San Pedro, was arrested Tuesday night on 231st st. and lodged in jail on three charges: driving while intoxicated, disturbing the peace and "vagrancy-1ewd."

Russell, who has a police record, plead not guilty to the accusations and demanded a jury trial which was set for Oct. 13. Police report they found a loaded shotgun in his car. Harold C. Wyman, 28, Los Angeles, was charged with drunk driving when arrested on Cravens avenue Tuesday night after he had run into a car which was parked nearby. His bail was set at \$100 and he will have a trial Saturday.

Torrance Buying Four Santa Monica Buses

Purchase of four used buses from the City of Santa Monica at a stipulated price of \$8,000 was authorized by the Torrance city council Friday afternoon. All four buses are of White manufacture and are said to be guaranteed in good repair with all new re-tread tires. They are 1938 models, which are being replaced by Santa Monica for larger buses. Three of the White buses are of 25-passenger capacity, and one has seating accommodations for 29 passengers. The new equipment will be used to relieve pressure on the present two Ford buses which, under the present schedules, are being driven 350 miles a day without adequate time for proper systematic servicing, it was explained. The council also authorized an expenditure of \$100.19 for a motor exchange in Bus No. 1.

Cabrillo Ave. Ready Now for Modernization

Unless the OPM or just plain lack of finances throws another obstacle in the way of transforming Cabrillo ave. from its "cow-path" status to that of a completely paved business thoroughfare, the way is now clear for the city to rip out the Pacific Electric tracks and wires and thus finally improve that street.

City Engineer Glenn Jain learned Monday that the California State Railroad Commission had given its approval to the abandonment of the P. E. line along Cabrillo ave. from Torrance blvd., to Plaza del Amo. He said that he had been informed previously that the Interstate Commerce Commission had to give its okay to the move.

"So far as I know now," Jain continued, "there is nothing standing in the way of the city acquiring the right-of-way. We'll have to remove the tracks and wiring at our expense and this has been estimated to cost approximately \$2,500. Then the curbing that borders the right-of-way must be removed, the right-of-way itself widened."

The next move in the old effort to improve Cabrillo up to the city council. He said that the city could obtain WPA or SRA assistance were dashed several months ago when both workers' relief agencies were curtailed.

Plaza del Amo Improvement Is Ordered

Plans and specifications for providing a center parkway curb on Plaza del Amo were ordered prepared by the city engineering department through action of the city council meeting Friday. The city clerk was also authorized to advertise for bids on the improvement.

The council also authorized an expenditure of \$960 for road materials to reconstruct Lomita blvd. near the Hydril plant. This roadway was under water during last winter's rainy season, and it is planned to raise the level of the embankment and prevent a recurrence of this trouble, which resulted in a hardship to employees of the Hydril plant.

To improve the roadway on Plaza del Amo between Arlington and Bower avenues, the council appropriated \$962. This improved street leads to a group of new homes now being built near the municipal park.

All three street improvements were requested by Councilman James E. Hitchcock, chairman of the public works committee.

Car Damaged by Fire on Boulevard

A 1927 Chevrolet sedan, owned by Edward Katten, Redondo Beach, was damaged by fire Monday night at Torrance blvd., and Amie st., according to the fire department which was called to extinguish the blaze. The fire started near the motor from a cause that could not be determined and did about \$10 damage.

JOE'S AMBITION One of Stalin's ambitions no doubt is to prove that he is a better man than Czar Alexander who showed Napoleon the gate.